Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—When I said that there is a committee I referred to the High Power Committee consisting of reputed industrialists. We had already one or two meetings. It is difficult now for me to give the names of members of the committee.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—When this post was created by the Government in June 1968, did they create after the committee examined and was it not known to the Government when they created the post that the post of Commissioner for Industries should be analogous to the post of Divisional Commissioner and he should be in overall charge of the industries as the head of the department ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have already stated that the Director of Industries is working on so many committees and he has to attend meetings not only here but also in Delhi, Bombay and elsewhere. So we thought that it would be better to have a separate officer to look into the day to day affairs of the department and a separate officer for the industrial development so that he may concentrate on new projects. But subsequently we thought it is not necessary and so we have given up that idea now. We have only the Director of Industries and the gentleman whom we were thinking of as Commissioner, is the Chairman of the Mysore State Industrial Development Corporation.

## Lathi Charge on Employees of Binny Mills

328. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether on 29th June 1969 the Police lathi charged the employees of Binny Mills who were going in a procession ;

(*b*) whether the Malleswaram Police arrested Sri C. Munirathnam, Secretary, Binny Mills Employees' Union, Ramakrishna his brother-in-law, Surendar, Manickam and some other active members on the night of 29th June 1969 or in early hours of 30th June 1969 ;

(*c*) whether all these Trade Union leaders were taken to the Malleswaram Police Station and beaten mercilessly by the Inspector of Police, Malleswaram and other Constables ;

(*d*) whether after beating innocent workers and leaders of the Trade Union, cases have been filed against them by the police ;

(*e*) whether any representations have been received from the Binny Mills Employees' Union and other public men in respect of the above and particularly demanding that the Inspector of Police, Malleswaram Police Station, Bangalore be suspended forthwith and the suitable action taken against him ;

(*f*) if so, the action taken or is contemplated to be taken against this police Officer ?

**Sri VEERENDRA PATIL** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes ; the police had to resort to a mild lathi charge when the processionists became violent.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) There was no beating of innocent workers and leaders as alleged. Cases have been filed against those concerned in a cognisable offence of Sriramapuram Police Station.

(*e*) Yes; a representation of the Binny Mills Employees' Association presented to the Chief Minister by Sri M. S. Krishnan, M.L.A. has been received.

(*f*) The matter is under enquiry.

**Sri V. N. PATIL.**—Supplementary to (*a*): As per our experience in the trade union movement, there cannot be a mild lathi charge. We have seen political movements during British Raj, Nizam's regime and Congress regime. When is it going to stop and what was the necessity to resort to the mild lathi charge ?

† **Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.**—When I say 'mild lathi charge', it was intended to disperse that crowd ; it was not intended to injure seriously any of them.

**Sri V. N. PATIL.**—Under what sections these people have been charge-sheeted and at the same time is it not a fact that most of the trade union leaders were put behind the lockup and beaten mercilessly and there were several personal injuries on their bodies ?

**Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.**—So far as the charge that they were beaten up mercilessly is concerned, I have already said that there is no truth in that statement. They were charge-sheeted under sections 143, 147, 148, 149 and 382 read with section 34 of the I.P.C. in the Srirampur Police Station.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ಪಾಬಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ (ಉ)ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್ ಅವರು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಬಿನ್ನಿಗಿರಣಿಗಳ ನೌಕರರ ಸಂಘದ ಮನವಿಯೊಂದು ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಅವರು ಅದನ್ನು ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖಿನ ದಿವಸ ಕೊಟ್ಟರು, ಅದನ್ನು ಯಾವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಮತ್ತು ಅವರು ಯಾವಾಗ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಯಮವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖಿನ ದಿವಸ ಕೊಟ್ಟರು ಎನ್ನುವ ಇನ್‌ಫರ್‌ಮೇಷನ್ ಈಗ ನನ್ನ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಐ.ಜಿ.ಪಿ.ಯವರಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದೆ. ಈಗ ರೇಚೆಸ್ಟ್ ಪೊಜಿಷನ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಐ.ಜಿ.ಪಿ.ಯವರು ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ನ್ನು ನಮಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಅದನ್ನು ನೋಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.